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Director's Message

By: Tom Voss, Executive Director

We have reached a major milestone this month in moving on site to the facility at 24511 West Jayne Avenue. If you drive by you will now see our sign "Coalinga State Hospital".

Millions of hours of labor have been spent to get the Hospital to this point. It is an exciting time in our history. We have grown to more than 40 staff members and expect to hire upwards of 800 more people before September of 2005.

Currently, CSH's small staff is busy with hospital activation, conducting employment exams, recruiting new professionals, preparing the infrastructure, and designing treatment operations. As you might imagine, it's an exciting and challenging time. The Administration, Central Plant and Warehouse buildings have been completed and occupied. The remaining secure areas of the facility are about 80% completed and will be ready for occupancy early summer of 2005.



Moving In...

By: Peggy Egeberg, Training Officer

During the first week of October, Coalinga State Hospital employees packed up two moving vans of furniture, files, and office equipment and moved on site at 24511 West Jayne Avenue.

For the past two years the staff has been split between two offices, the Executive offices at Phelps Avenue and the Employment offices at Elm Avenue. As more employees were hired, the space was getting a little bit tight. The move came at the right time.

"The building is beautiful and we have plenty of room for all of the employees who will be starting in the next few months", says Human Resources Manager, Cheryl McDonnell. Coalinga State Hospital is slated to hire close to 800 employees during the next ten months.

If you visit the building to pick up employment information, please park in the west parking lot (to the right). Follow the sidewalk to the main Administration Building entrance (left of the large planters). The Personnel Department is located on the second floor.

Medical and Clinical Opportunities

By: Dr. Stephen Wyman, Medical Director

Attention all...

- ✓ **Medical Doctors**
- ✓ **Psychiatrists**
- ✓ **Psychologists**
- ✓ **Registered Nurses**
- ✓ **Pharmacists**
- ✓ **Psychiatric Technicians and**
- ✓ **Social Workers**

**Coalinga State Hospital
Needs YOU!!**

Coalinga State Hospital is a brand new, state of the art 1500 bed hospital run by the California Department of Mental Health.

If you like to be in "on the ground floor" you may want to consider coming to CSH. Our new 385 million dollar facility is one of the largest mental health hospitals in the country.

An opportunity to grow and professionally flourish awaits you! Programs will be multi-disciplinary and research and teaching opportunities are available.

Coalinga is a town of 16,000 with a community college campus, swim complex and community theater. It is located about three hours from Los Angeles and San Francisco and located in the west hills of the San Joaquin Valley.

If you are interested we would be delighted to talk with you! Please call us at (559) 935-4300 or visit our website www.dmh.ca.gov/Statehospitals/Coalinga.



Completion of the "Employment Opportunities" form or a Std. 678 State application is not a guarantee of future State employment.



Season of Thanksgiving...

By Bill Homsany
Chief Engineer I

As Thanksgiving nears, three things come to mind: turkey, gravy and mashed potatoes. I remember when I was in Elementary school, we would have these three items for lunch, and they would be mixed together in a Styrofoam cup. It was pretty good, and was one of the more popular meals among the students.

Mashed Potatoes are a very common staple served in institutions. In fact, Coalinga State Hospital will have to prepare more than 750 pounds of mashed potatoes every week to feed the anticipated 1,500 patients that will be staying at the facility.

To prepare and serve meals to the patients, several food service professionals are needed. These jobs range from dieticians, managers, cooks, and food service workers. Food service worker jobs are entry-level jobs, requiring only six months of experience.

To find out more about these positions, check out our website at www.dmh.ca.gov/Statehospitals/Coalinga.

Coalinga State Hospital Department of Police Services Looking for Good People !!!

Coalinga State Hospital is currently in the process of hiring 135 Hospital Police Officers (HPO's) to provide security services for both staff and patients. "We are looking for friendly, outgoing individuals who would enjoy working with patients and staff to help solve issues in the most cooperative way possible", says Hospital Police Chief, Chuck Rabaut.

Hospital Police Officers are a very important part of the staff, acting as first responders in emergencies and maintaining a safe and secure environment for everyone at the Hospital. HPO's receive extensive and continuous training, similar to other Law Enforcement Officers.

If you are interested in finding out more about this position, call (559) 935-4305 to get an exam bulletin.

Welcome New Faces...

Medical Director

Stephen Wyman, MD, joins Coalinga State Hospital with a wealth of both medical and psychiatric experience. Dr. Wyman started his medical career as a Pathologist and later went on to get his Psychiatry specialty from the University of California at Irvine.

In addition to having a successful private practice for 20 years, Dr. Wyman also served as the Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Huntington Beach Medical Center.

In 1993, he joined the California Department of Corrections and served as Chief Psychiatrist, Chief Medical Officer and Consulting Chief Medical Officer.

Clinical Administrator

Gary Renzaglia, PhD, an 18-year veteran of the Department of Mental Health, worked at Atascadero State Hospital as a Psychologist and more recently as Program Director serving the Mentally Disordered Offenders. Dr. Renzaglia received his PhD from the Counseling Psychology Program at the University of Wisconsin in 1982.

As a licensed Psychologist, Dr. Renzaglia's experience includes development and management of both residential and day treatment programs, serving persons with severe mental illnesses, substance abuse disorders, and cognitive impairments. He began his career as a Rehabilitation Counselor in 1973.

Coordinator of Nursing Services

Janet Smith, RN, MSN, started her career in State service as a Psychiatric Technician and progressed her education to Master's in Nursing Science. She has more than 30 years as a professional nurse with experience in both the State system and the private sector. Her experience includes nursing manager, educator, and consultant.

Janet joins us from her most recent position at Fairview Development Center in the Southern California.

Chief of Police Services

Coalinga State Hospital is please to have Police Chief **Chuck Rabaut** on staff. Chief Rabaut brings more than 22 years of Law Enforcement experience to the Hospital. Rabaut possesses several degrees including an Administration of Justice and a Law Enforcement degree from San Jose State University.

Chuck Rabaut worked for the City of Coalinga Police Department for 8-½ years.

Career Corner

Psychiatric Technicians in High Demand

Imagine a career where you can be working in the health care profession in about a year and where you can earn more than \$30,000 in your first year of employment.

Psychiatric Technicians are in high demand in California and Coalinga State Hospital will be hiring more than 800 Psych Techs to staff its' 1,500-bed psychiatric facility.

Typical job duties for this position include performing nursing duties, administering medications, supervising patients, documenting patient care and encouraging patients to develop work skills, social relationships and to participate in recreational activities.

Currently the program is a one-year course of study with new classes starting in December 2004 and April 2005. In August of 2005 the program will change slightly to an eighteen-month program of three – eighteen week semesters. In addition, a number of prerequisites will be required including: Anatomy, General Psychology, Developmental Psychology and English 51.



For more information about the Psych Tech program call (559) 934-2760 or visit the website at www.westhillscollege.com.

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